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Identical letters dated 12 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the following information:

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Turkish regime, Mevlût Çavuşoğlu, has stated that the French citizen Hayat Boumeddiene, a suspect in the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, entered Turkish territory arriving from Madrid on 2 January 2015, before crossing illegally from Turkey into the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic on 8 January.

That statement is a formal admission of a point that we have repeatedly made to the Security Council and the Secretariat, namely that Turkey remains the main channel to smuggle foreign terrorists and mercenaries from around the world into Syria at the behest of State sponsors of terrorism. The country is also a route through which they return to their countries or travel to third States. That situation constitutes a flagrant violation of the Security Council counter-terrorism resolutions, particularly resolutions 2170 (2014) and 2178 (2014).

The fact that terrorists can move across Turkish territory so easily and cross illegally into neighbouring States demonstrates yet again that the Turkish regime is in collusion with the terrorist groups and is a direct accomplice to the killing of Syrians and innocent people around the world. Everyone is now aware of those realities, and the risks that they entail are constantly emphasized by the Turkish media and the political and parliamentary opposition.

The Syrian Arab Republic therefore calls on the Security Council and the international community to take effective action to condemn and curb the Turkish regime's policies in support of terrorism, which are directly responsible for the growth of *takfirist* terrorist activity in the region. The Turkish regime must be held accountable for those policies, which endanger international peace and security.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 107, and of the Security Council.

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